

MINERS DIE IN THE PIT.

Eight Men Killed in the Empire Mine, at Brownsville, Pa.

SIX SCORES IN PERIL.

They Escape Injured and Nearly Choked by the Fire Damp.

BRAVE PARSON HEADS RESCUERS.

The Rev. Mr. Law Risks His Own Life to Help Save the Threatened Men—Cause of the Accident Not Known.

Brownsville, Pa., Sept. 23.—Another disastrous mine explosion occurred in the Pittsburgh district today. This time it was at the Empire pits of Snowdon, Gould & Co., on the Monongahela River. For hours it was thought that from fifty to sixty men had lost their lives. Manager J. D. Simpson said that eight killed was the correct number. Others were injured while escaping, but their injuries are not serious. The names of the dead men are:

- William Pritchard, aged forty-five, married, and leaves a large family.
- James Hall, aged thirty-eight, widower.
- J. Prager, aged twenty, single.
- John Bennett, aged twenty-three, single.
- Robert Davidson, aged forty-eight, married, and leaves a family.
- John Cartwright, aged fifty-eight, married.
- John Halston, aged thirty-five, married.
- Walter Halston, brother of John, aged twenty-three, single.

The men who were killed were, with others, working in No. 10 entry, about two miles from the mouth of the pit. They had been there about an hour when the explosion occurred. It is not known what caused it, but it is supposed escaping gas communicated with one of the open lamps carried by the miners.

The detonation was heard in every entry of the mine, which rapidly filled with smoke. There were 120 men working in different parts of the mine, and the men in the No. 10 entry were the first to be overcome. Some of them were forced to crawl on their hands and knees to get under the smoke and fire, and their limbs were lacerated.

When fifty-eight men were unaccounted for there were pleas for help from scores of wives, mothers and sisters for men to go into the mine. Volunteers to form a rescue party were called for and two ministers of the Gospel responded. One of them, the Rev. Mr. Law, pastor of the Brownsville Methodist Episcopal Church, threw off his clerical garb and, with the aid of a pick and safety lamp, and with a "Come on, men!" dashed into the mine at the head of the would-be rescuers.

The latter were driven back by the after-damp. About the time they managed to get into the mine fifty of the missing emerged at a point about five miles away. Among them was John Baker and his son George, who were burned about the face. The others were slightly injured, but all recovered.

Crushed Under Tons of Coal.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Sept. 23.—Three men lost their lives in No. 1 shaft of the Susquehanna Coal Company at Nanticoke today. Five men were engaged in driving a heading on a mine, and the distance away from the main gateway when there was a sudden rush of coal down the plane, which caught the men John Shannon, John Jones and George Morgan, who were working at the front, were crushed, their bodies being covered by tons of rock and coal. The other two men escaped with slight injuries.

INQUIRY INTO WAR WILL BEGIN TO-DAY.

Investigating Commission to Meet in Washington—Dodge May Not Be Chairman.

Washington, Sept. 23.—The first session of the commission that is to conduct the inquiry into the War Department's management of the war will be held at 10 o'clock to-morrow morning at the White House. Four of the members are already in town—General Grenville M. Dodge of Iowa and New York; Colonel James A. Sexton, of Chicago; General John M. Wilson, Chief of Engineers, and Charles P. Dwyer, of Indiana. The Government's Woodbury, of Vermont; Evan P. Howell, of Atlanta; and Thomas L. Eversome, of Boston, will arrive here to-morrow. The fifth member of the committee is yet to be found.

General Dodge came over from New York today and had an interview with the President on the subject of the work of the commission. It is understood that he objects to the suggestion that he shall be made chairman of the committee.

General Dodge believes that Secretary Allen has been unfairly maligned by the newspapers in their attacks upon the management of the War Department.

Colonel Sexton, the chief of the G. A. R., arrived in town to-day, but did not call on the President. He says that since he has received fully a thousand letters from Congressmen and relatives of soldiers complaining of treatment accorded to individual members of the army. Most of these complaints, he says, are of a trivial character, while some are of a serious nature. Colonel Sexton does not believe that the charges against Secretary Allen are well founded, and says that he believes he is right when he said a great many of the volunteers died of homesickness.

DR. KENNEDY PLEAD NOT GUILTY.

His Counsel Buys a Cap and Proposes to Confuse with It the Clerk Who Sold One to Kennedy.

Dr. Samuel J. Kennedy came into the world of free men yesterday for a brief space, wherein to plead to the indictment charging him with the killing of Emeline C. Reynolds, otherwise Dolly Reynolds, in the Grand Hotel, on the night of August 10. The arraignment was in Part I. of General Sessions, when he came across the bridge with a batch of thirty prisoners, one of whom was a negro. He stepped forward briskly when his name was called. Lawyer Friend was at his side. The clerk read the charge, and "Manny" Friend answered: "Not guilty."

Then Kennedy was led back to the Tombs.

"Kennedy is alleged to have bought a cap at Smith, Gray & Co.'s from a clerk named Clark," said "Manny" Friend.

The clerk identified the cap by the firm name on the label. Now the other day I bought the same sort of cap, same style, same material, same price, same size, from the same clerk. When the proper time comes I want to see whether Mr. Clark can tell which cap I bought and which he alleges Kennedy bought."

MAN WHO PAID DR. GUILFORD AIN'T ESTEEMED WITH TWO WOMEN OF HER HOUSEHOLD.

Harry Oxley, of Southington, Traced by Means of an Express Envelope Found by Reporters.

HARRY OXLEY and Howard Guernsey were arrested yesterday for complicity in the death of Emma Gill, the victim of the Bridgeport Mill Pond murder. Oxley is said to have sent the money to Dr. Nancy Guilford to pay for the illegal operation. Two women, members of the Guilford household, were also arrested.

Dr. Nancy Guilford is now wanted for murder.

still mania wrapper of the express letter was only chanced at one end. The address, "Dr. N. A. Guilford," was still plain, and the big wax seal, "Plantsville, Conn.," was undamaged.

The two men were brought at once to Bridgeport. They were cross-questioned by Superintendent Birmingham for an hour. Then the Superintendent issued from his office and gave an order. Policeman Sullivan hurried out of the station house and within half an hour was back with two women—Clara Drayton, a girl who had been employed as a domestic by Dr. Guilford, and her mother, Rose Drayton, a matron who does general housekeeping and similar work.

Their positions in reference to Mrs. Guilford indicate the character of the evidence against them, though it seems as if one of the other of the men under arrest must have given information against them. It was probably Guernsey, for the police practically admit that he is under arrest more for what he knows than for what he did.

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CHARLES A. PLUMB

Wellsburg Authorities Asked to Arrest Eudora, the Doctor's Daughter, at That Place.

Gill's letter in the Stratford Post Office and the reason he did it was that he was involved with a divorced woman recently married again. He did not know her married name, but he thought it was Gill, and the time she was with him corresponded with the period the girl was missing. He knew where she was and wanted to get the letter to satisfy himself she was the same. He telephoned her, "they are on to us," and went to Hartford to talk it over with her.

He never saw the girl in his life, and told an absolutely untrue, absurd story to the police in order to protect, if possible, the woman's reputation.

Plumb was released to-night. The Chief of Police dismissed him with the words:

ely on the day the police claim the Bridgeport crime was committed.

Among those who saw Foster on that day are A. K. Robbins, at whose house Foster roomed, and Miss Jessie Williams, who is employed at the Carson dining rooms, on North street, where Foster took his meals. Mr. Robbins says that he heard Foster leave the house on Sunday morning, September 11, about 8 o'clock, and saw him come in between 8 and 10 that night.

Miss Williams is equally positive that Foster took his meals at Carson's on that Sunday. She says that she remembers distinctly that he was there but one Sunday, a study of the time tables of the Consolidated and Boston & Albany roads, and

consultation with the depot officials, show that it was impossible for Foster to have gone to Bridgeport that Sunday after the time he was seen at breakfast at the hour Mrs. Robbins says he came in.

TO MAKE TRAVEL ON CARS A PLEASURE.

Ordinances to Be Considered at a Public Meeting in the City Hall on October 3.

Ordinances providing for various improvements in street car service, proposed by President Guggenheimer and Councilman Christman, were to have been discussed at a public meeting of the Connellman Law Committee in the City Hall yesterday.

President Guggenheimer's ordinance provides that the steps of cars shall not be less than eight inches from the ground nor more than nine inches. A fine of \$50 for each car not so provided is the penalty of a violation of the ordinance.

The ordinance also imposes a \$5 fine upon the railway company if the car doesn't stop at the nearest corner when signalled.

The ordinance prepared by Councilman Christman provides for a three-cent fare during rush hours when all passengers cannot secure seats; for signs showing the cars' destination, electric buttons to signal the conductors, a return of fare or checks good at any time for a ride when cars are stopped by a fire for more than five minutes, and that all the cars be well lighted at night.

Joseph T. Little, Jr., representing the Metropolitan Railway, asked that the hearing be postponed. President Vreeland was in the country. The hearing was postponed to October 3 at 2 p. m.

TO SAVE GRIPMEN FROM THE GRIP.

A Law to Make Street Car Companies Enclose Front Platforms in Winter.

Motor men and grip men on the surface car lines of all the boroughs of New York City may look forward to a more comfortable winter on the rail than they have ever spent before, if the resolution filed with the Clerk of the Board of Aldermen by William H. Gedhill, vice-president of the board, becomes an ordinance. It provides:

Each and every railroad corporation operating cars in the city of New York by electricity, cable, compressed air or any other motive power excepted, shall, on or before January 1, 1935, cause the front platform of each and every car so operated by them to be resurfaced with rubber or other material so permitted to ride thereon, under a penalty of twenty-five dollars for each and every violation of this ordinance.

Vice-President Gedhill said in support of his proposed ordinance that one of the like nature is in operation in almost every city in the country.

WANT A RECEIVER FOR MAGOWAN.

Judgment Creditors Allege That Trenton's Former Mayor Transferred Much of His Property.

An application was made yesterday in behalf of the firm of Reimers & Meyer to Justice McCarthy, in the City Court, for a receiver for the property of Frank A. Magowan, the former Mayor of Trenton, whose financial difficulties have caused so much notoriety. The application was made as the result of a judgment for \$1,311.24, obtained by the plaintiffs against Magowan on August 6 for money loaned.

In making the application, counsel said that Magowan testified in a recent examination that he had transferred \$200,000 in stocks and bonds to security for the payment of \$50,000, and that F. L. Bench, of No. 229 Broadway, held books, papers and securities belonging to him.

Justice McCarthy reserved decision.

Sale To-Day, Thirty-Dollar Men's Suits for \$10.95.

King's, the great clothiers, corner Broadway and Park place, offer good dressers to-day, men's suits of finest imported heavy serge, silk lined, at \$10.95, equal to \$30 suit turned out by the fashionable tailor; single or double breasted, all sizes. These suits are all ready to put right on and wear, and you get the finest kind of material; all you pay is \$10.95; also men's black and black cheviot suits, smooth, tough weaves, at \$5.40, worth \$12. King's, corner Broadway and Park place; open until 9.30 this evening.



DR. NANCY GUILFORD



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OXLEY TRACED BY AN EXPRESS ENVELOPE.

He Is Said to Have Paid Dr. Nancy Guilford for Her Services.

Bridgeport, Conn., Sept. 23.—Dr. Nancy Guilford is wanted for the murder of Emma Gill.

Harry Oxley, of Southington, is under arrest for procuring the operation that cost Emma Gill her life. Howard Guernsey, of Southington, is under arrest for abetting his friend Oxley.

Walter Foster, of Hartford, though still under arrest, is deemed innocent of complicity in the murder, though his skirts are not clear. He must wait in jail until the case is cleared up.

Harry Guilford is still under arrest, suspected of aiding his mother in disposing of the girl's body. He will be arraigned to-morrow.

Charles Plumb, the fish dealer of Stratford, has been released from custody. He was simply a foolhardy and dissolute young man who talked too much and who became frightened on account of another woman. He never knew Emma Gill.

Mrs. Rose Drayton, a widow, connected with the Guilford household, is under arrest.

Clara Drayton, Rose Drayton's daughter, domestic in Dr. Guilford's house, is under arrest.

The shattered body of Emma Gill was buried yesterday at Southington, but it is not to be given rest yet. It is to be exhumed again to-morrow and the severed head is again to be lifted from the casket to the dentist who filled her teeth with what he identifies his own handiwork.

Such is the master roll in the Bridgeport murder mystery.

There may be one other man arrested, but he is probably in the Walter Foster class. When they get Dr. Guilford the tale of the prisoners should be complete.

Oxley and Guernsey were arrested at Southington this evening.

Their names have never been mentioned in connection of the case before to-day.

Their arrest is traceable to an Adams express envelope discovered in the ash bin of Dr. Guilford's house, at Bridgeport.

It was discovered by newspaper men working on the case.

Journal reporters endeavored to obtain from the Adams Express Company the names of the senders of the money, but the rules of the company forbade the giving of the information. The clerk was, however, communicated to the authorities, and they compelled a disclosure of the names of the men of Southington who sent money to Dr. Nancy Guilford from Plantsville.

Names Will Solve the Problem.

These names proved master words in unlocking the door of the dark mystery. In a few hours the chain of evidence was complete enough to drag Oxley and Guernsey to prison, and it was all due to the burned fragment of the envelope that Dr. Guilford thought she had destroyed before her death.

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WALTER C. FOSTER

Principal in the Bridgeport Tragedy.

Plumb was released by the police yesterday—Emma Gill's body will again be exhumed and her teeth examined.

Harry Guilford's attorneys will ask for a writ of habeas corpus today if he is not given an examination. Four more arrests were made in the case yesterday.

"G. M." combine to make a strong case against her. Far and wide telegrams have been sent directing her arrest.

There were quiet conferences at Police Headquarters when the prisoners were brought in. While he had Oxley and Guernsey in his room, the Superintendent of Police came out and reluctantly submitted to a brief interview.

"I don't know anything against these men," he said, "but I don't want to say too much now, because there are two persons, women, I am looking for. This mystery will be solved."

"All I will tell you about the evidence is that Oxley sent the money," he was asked.

"I do not now believe Foster is in it," "Go light on Guernsey," interpolated Detective Arnold. "The case against him is yet to be told."

Presently the Drayton women were brought in.